(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) whether the existing laws and enforcing agencies are adequate to eliminate such a state of affairs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Delhi Police have informed that they have detected one such case and recovered a large quantity of used plastic syringes, nozzles and other surgical items. Delhi Police is investigating the case.

Ministry of Environment and Forests has notified Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) rules, 1998 in this regard. As per these Rules, the respective State Pollution control boards/Pollution control committees are the prescribed authorities for their effective implementation. In so far as Central Government Hospitals *viz.* Dr. RML Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals as also the All India Institute of Medical Sciences are concerned, the hospital waste including syringes and other disposables is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998.

Law to stop sale of kidney

†1923. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of alleged illegal trade of Kidneys;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some persons have been arrested in this regard;

(d) if so, the action taken against such persons;

(e) whether Government propose to take some stringent steps to prevent such illegal and inhuman trade of Kidneys; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.